1	2	3	4	5
12.	Madhya Pradesh	71.78	75.91	82.46
13.	Maharashtra	73.90	75.63	71.61
14.	Manipur	6.06	5.77	39.65
15.	Meghalaya	14.31	0.94	8.07
16.	Mizoram	0.00	5.26	5.72
17.	Nagaland	5.77	0.00	5.89
18.	Orissa	40.29	20.77	33.90
19.	Punjab	76.63	54.58	43.60
20.	Rajasthan	111.09	206.04	126.06
21.	Sikkim	9.50	6.50	7.14
22.	Tamil Nadu	235.09	332.72	371.53
23.	Tripura	4.63	0.73	0.09
24.	Uttar Pradesh	77.64	150.63	183.32
25.	West Bengal	42.78	96.75	135.29
26.	A & N Islands	0.99	1.49	-
27.	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	-
28.	D & N Haveli	0.00	0.00	-
29.	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	-
30.	Delhi	3.70	105.00	77.60
31.	Lakshdweep	0.00	0.00	-
32.	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	-
	Total	1763.24	1966.91	1470.59

Parliamentary Goodwill Delegation

2315. SHRIMATI KRISHNA BOSE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has considered the exchange of Parliamentary goodwill delegations as part of the process of normalization of Indo-Pakistan relations;

(b) if so, at what stage can these goodwill visits take place; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Ministry proposes to involve elected representatives of the people in the normalization process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) and (b) : Government are committed to improving relations with Pakistan and are pursuing a policy of encouraging interaction at various levels between the two countries. Government look forward to receiving a Parliamentary delegation from Pakistan for which an invitation had been extended. Government would continue their efforts to promote interaction between the two countries.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Fund for Poverty Alleviation

2316. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal for implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for poverty alleviation during the last two years alongwith the amount spent on each schemes by these States;

(b) whether huge funds allocated and released for these schemes in Assam and West Bengal were actually spent for other purposes;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) The major Centrally Sponsored Rural Poverty Alleviation Programmes being implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal are Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). The total allocation and expenditure incurred under these programmes during the last two years in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam and West Bengal are given in the attached Statements I to III

(b) to (d): The Comptroller & Auditor General's Report No. 2 of 1995 on Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Report No. 3 of 1997 on Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), interalia have pointed out diversion of funds for other purposes in West Bengal (JRY - 1341.13 lakhs and EAS - 429.63 lakhs). No diversion of Funds has been reported in Assam.

The C & AG Report No. 2 of 1995 on JRY and No. 3 of 1997 on EAS has been selected by the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament for detailed examination. The Public Accounts Committee has already visited West Bengal.

Statement-I

Financial Performance under Major Rural Development Programmes during 1995-96 & 1996-97 – Andhra Pradesh

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Programmes	1995-96 Total Allocation	1995-96 Expenditure (Prov.)	1996-97 Total Allocation	1996-97 Expenditure (Prov.)
1.	I.R.D.P	8336.41	8624.01	8336.41	12810.19
2.	J.R.Y. (1st Stream)	34118.65	31705.69	17372.39	17488.47
	(2nd Stream)	3113.75	2851.21	–	–
3.	E.A.S. #	18187.50	12249.54	25137.50	25509.86

Total Released, as no Statewise allocations are made under EAS.

Statement-II

Financial Performance under Major Rural Development Programmes during 1995-96 & 1996-97 – Assam

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Programmes	1995-96 Total Allocation	1995-96 Expenditure	1996-97 Total Allocation	1996-97 Expenditure
1.	I.R.D.P	2743.50	3409.02	2743.50	1600.68 (Feb. 97)
2.	J.R.Y. (1st Stream)	10820.18	9583.33	5718.18	4543.21
3.	E.A.S	10025.00	9822.98	13525.00	8790.06

EAS : Funds Released; as no Statewise allocations are made under EAS.

Statement-III

Financial Performance under Major Rural Development Programmes during 1995-96 & 1996-97 – West Bengal

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Programmes	1995-96 Total Allocation	1995-96 Expenditure (Prov.)	1996-97 Total Allocation	1996-97 Expenditure (Prov.)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	I.R.D.P	7472.2	6693.99	7472.20	5474.89
2.	J.R.Y. (1st Stream)	29455.21	26114.49	15569.34	12834.05
	(2nd Stream)	3832.50	4378.31	–	–
3.	E.A.S.	11550.00	9929.18	12712.50	11729.24

EAS : Funds Released; as no Statewise allocations are made under EAS.

Aluminium Plant

2317. DR. KRUPA SINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers rendered jobless due to the closure of the Aluminium plant at Hirakund, Orissa;

(b) the steps taken to clear their dues and to provide them suitable alternative job; and

(c) the efforts made to revive the said Aluminium plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Emigration Check

2318. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of persons from Goa work in foreign countries and the poor among them are required to get "Emigration Check Not Required";

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to abolish procedure altogether?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

SC/ST Cell

2319. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether SC/ST Cell in his Ministry was abolished;

(b) whether due to non-functioning of SC/ST Cell, the service interest of employees belonging to SCs/STs have not been protected; and